

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Burnett, Calhoun, and Director Allen

ABSENT: Councilman Gunnells

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

First item on the agenda was to approve the transfer of \$14,429.55 from the LOST Fund to the General Fund. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Dove made a motion to transfer \$14,429.55 from the LOST Fund to the General Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was Discussion of Law Enforcement Center. Chairman Milford stated as discussed in the workshop dealing with the budget of the landfill, they decided to take another look at the finances for the Law Enforcement Center because of what the Bond Attorney told us concerning the information he got from the Auditor and Treasurer was incorrect and the \$3.8 million dollars that council approved in an ordinance, we cannot borrow that amount and can only borrow \$3.3 million. Director Allen stated that in talking with Attorney Pruitt that nothing needed to be changed in the ordinance because it said up to and nothing needed to be changed in order to make up the difference, it was recommended that the cost of the jail was that the cost of the jail which is 4,945,560.00 and is detailed on the construction cost from H.G. Reynolds including borrowing \$300,000 from the landfill which would require an ordinance. Chairman Milford stated that what we propose to do with the landfill is that there is approx. \$860,000 in the landfill cash account and we plan to purchase the land that was contracted for and build an industrial waste landfill which would cost about \$175,000. We will take another look at this during the year to see what the revenues of the landfill look like. This will not be in the budget for next year. The proposed budget for the landfill next year is \$875,000, which balances with the revenue of \$879,000. Councilman Burnett made a motion that we have 1st Reading to transfer \$300,000 from the landfill account to be put into the Law Enforcement Investment Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

Councilman Agan made a motion to add to the agenda an executive session to discuss an economic development project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. No action was taken. Councilman Burnett made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Forrester, Agan, Calhoun, Burnett, Gunnells, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

First item on the agenda were public hearings on the following:

- a. Adopt FY2000/01 Budget Ordinance for Abbeville County.
- b. Adopt budget amendment for the FY2000 Rural Fire Budget to appropriate prior year funds of \$7,500 and to increase machine and equipment repair by \$7,500 to repair the pump on Engine 05.
- c. Adopt budget amendment for the FY2000 E911 Subscriber Fund to appropriate \$15,000 prior year funds and increase Special Contracts by \$15,000.
- d. Adopt Ordinance to adopt Building Codes for Abbeville County.

5. Approval of June 12th & 19th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes with a change in the June 19th minutes that funds were to be transferred and not borrowed from the landfill to help with the cost of the new jail. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

6. Old Business:

- a. 3rd Reading to adopt FY2000/01 Budget Ordinance for Abbeville County. Chairman Milford stated that there would be no tax increase and the county would begin the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$1 million. This was said after some county officials had said there would be a \$342,000 cut in state aid to subdivisions. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 3rd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Forrester. Councilman Agan opposed by saying that he did not have enough information and didn't believe that the county had as much revenue as some members thought. V. C. Dove, Councilmen Calhoun, Gunnells and Chairman Milford agreed with the motion. Motion passed.
- b. 3rd Reading to adopt budget amendment for the FY2000 Rural Fire Budget to appropriate prior year funds of \$7,500 to repair the pump on Engine 5.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 3rd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

- c. 3rd Reading to adopt budget amendment for the FY2000 E911 Subscriber Fund to appropriate \$15,000 prior year funds and increase Special Contracts by \$15,000. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- d. 2nd Reading to transfer \$300,000 from the Landfill Account to the Law Enforcement Center Investment Account. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.
- e. County Attorney to report back on contract for the funding of four fire trucks. This was withdrawn.
- f. 3rd Reading to adopt Building Code Ordinance for Abbeville County. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading with some minor changes that is being adopted in connection with a state mandate for South Carolina Counties. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- g. Council to report back on an ordinance to establish a policy concerning the recovery cost incurred by Abbeville County Fire Departments in responding to false fire alarms. Fire Marshall, Jim Sosebee told council that county firefighters are being plagued by false alarms and that the number has increased steadily since 1997. He presented council with a proposed ordinance by which a business or homeowner could be fined when firefighters responded to a false alarm. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Financial Report. This was received as information.
- b. Consideration of request to purchase a bicycle rack to be placed at the Library in the amount of \$400 including tax and shipping to come out of the lump sum monies. No motion was made since there was not enough money in the lump sum. Council suggested that Mike Davis build one out of his budget.
- c. Consideration of request from the city in the sum of \$450 which is half of the cost for planting trees around the county owned lot behind the Opera House to be paid out of the lump sum monies. Council felt that they

should have notified us before purchasing the trees and, therefore, do not feel obligated to do this.

- d. Director Paul Allen to discuss policy concerning use of County Vehicles. After a brief discussion, Chairman Milford stated that the only people permitted to drive county vehicles are those on call such as EMS Director, Fire Marshall, Public Works Director and Sheriff. Director Allen stated that the Building Inspectors are out as early as 7:30am and felt that it would be convenient for them to drive home instead of coming back to Abbeville to pick up the vehicle.. After further discussion, Councilman Gunnells suggested that we review this again in a couple of months when we have more data.
- e. Dorothy Sherard to address council concerning projected tax increases and warned how hard it was on people with fixed incomes. Chairman Milford answered by saying that the tax burden has been relatively low given the projects which the county has undertaken through the years, such as, construction of a Subtitle D Landfill in accordance with state mandate and a law enforcement center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Discussion of Audit Contract.
- b. Discussion of Contractual for Water Line.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading to approve the extension of countywide water by running a 16-inch pipe from elevated tank in the 72 Industrial Park to the Mt. Olive Church Road at a cost of up to \$45,000 from the Infrastructure Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. Councilman Burnett made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2000

PRESENT: V. C. Dove, Councilmen Agan, Calhoun, Forrester, Burnett, Gunnells,
Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

ABSENT: Chairman Milford

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with prayer given by Attorney Pruitt.

First item on the agenda was approval of the June 26th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. 2nd Reading on ordinance by which a business or homeowner could be fined when firefighters responded to a false alarm. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- b. 2nd Reading to approve the extension of countywide water by running a 16-inch pipe from the elevated tank in the 72 Industrial Park to the Mt. Olive Church Road at a cost of up to \$45,000 from the Infrastructure Fund. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of request from Bell South to rezone approximately .25 acre located approximately 1000 feet off the east side of Hwy. 28 (North Main Street) approximately 800 ft. south of the intersection of Hwy. 28 (North Main St.) and Hwy. 28 By Pass from General Commercial to Light Industrial to allow for a Cellular Tower. After a brief presentation by Gary Pennington, Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilman Agan opposed by saying that the location was wrong and the tower was going to be in a heavily residential area. Councilman Forrester also opposed. Councilmen Dove and Burnett agreed with the motion that was passed.

- c. Consideration to accept Hanover Court, located in the Country Meadows Subdivision into the County Road System. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that the county was currently maintaining all the roads in this subdivision and that Hanover Court was a new road. He recommended that it be accepted into the county road system for the probationary period of one year. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to have '1st Reading that was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.
- d. Public Works Director to discuss FY2000 Waste Oil and Waste Tire Grants. He addressed Council by saying that the grant money is a combination of three grants including one for used oil in the amount of \$82,009. Part of it will go for site preparation at the planned convenience centers on Gilgal Church Road and in the Level Land area. Another portion will go for used oil collection equipment. There was also another grant in the amount of \$162,657 for waste tire recycling and part of the money will go for site preparation for all convenience center sites. A third grant will be used to build a loading dock for recyclable goods at the landfill. The three grants came from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Discuss Economic Development Project
- b. Discuss Contractual Matter

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. V. C. Dove stated that there were two items discussed that required action, the first item of which was a Resolution to put in place a process for negotiations between the county and a company referred to as Industry X and negotiations to establish a fee in lieu of taxes agreement. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

With reference to the contractual matter, V. C. Dove stated that a motion would be entertained to hire a construction manager for the new jail which would be a part-time job with no benefits and funds to be taken from the Law Enforcement Center funds. Mileage would be paid and funds would not exceed \$15,000. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. Councilman Agan made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 24, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Calhoun, Agan, Forrester, Burnett, Gunnells, Director Allen, Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

First item on the agenda was approval of minutes of July 10th meeting. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the minutes with one exception that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Consideration of 2nd Reading on a request from Bell South to rezone approximately 1000 feet off the east side of highway 28 (North Main St.) approximately 800 feet south of the intersection of Hwy. 28 (North Main St. and Hwy. 28 By Pass from General Commercial to Light Industrial to allow for a Cellular Tower. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by V.C. Dove. Councilman Agan still felt that it was in the wrong place and that the piece of property was commercial but it asked to be put into light industrial that is against our comprehensive plan proposes for this area that is residential. Councilman Gunnells agreed with the motion. Chairman Milford, Councilmen Forrester and Agan opposed while Councilman Burnett abstained. Motion failed.
- b. Consideration of 2nd Reading to accept Hanover Court located in the Country Meadows Subdivision into the County Road System for a probationary period of one year. V.C. Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Alan Hughes to discuss landfill fees. Mr. Hughes addressed council by saying that the City and the County were double charging him. In a letter to council he said that Abbeville Nursing Home located within the City of Abbeville contracted trash disposal with the City and that the Home currently had two green boxes on the site. It was his understanding that the fee paid to the City included all landfill charges for the disposal of the Nursing Home waste. He went on by saying that he also paid a landfill fee annually that is included in the County Tax Statement. After further discussion Council directed the County Director to correct the problem and that the Nursing Home will no longer be charged the landfill fee since they are paying a commercial fee through the City

- b. Clerk of Court to request payment of bill from Integrated Systems Development in the amount of \$12,243.75 to be paid from the 2000 budget, line item 7000 Capital Projects for General Sessions Computer System. Director Allen referred to information in council's packet with reference to the agreement dated June 17, 1999 which the county entered into with Integrated Systems to update and convert Ms. King's data and it was to be paid out of line item 7000 which had, at that time, \$25,000. On 11/4/99, former director Starks, with council's approval, transferred that money out of capital projects into non-departmental funds to pay for the upgrade of Smith Data Computers for Y2K. The money we are talking about was involved in an agreement for items referred to as Data File Conversion and for 47 hours of required training for the computer system. Ms. King has listed this line item for the project to be paid out of but since we have transferred the money from this line item, we will need to go elsewhere to get it Mr. Allen recommended that we go to item 503, line item 89900 which is the lump sum appropriation of the 2001 budget to pay the \$12,243.75 for the computer conversion. After a lengthy discussion, council delayed action until a later meeting when they had more information.
- c. Buddy Agan to nominate Doug Howard to the Library Board. Councilman Agan stated that there were two situations one being that Mr. Mullinax passed away a few weeks ago, which left a vacancy on the Library Board, and he had represented the Donalds/Due West area. There is also a member on the board who represents Abbeville who now lives in the Donalds/Due West Area who is Paul Agnew and he would like to recommend that we shift *Paul's* position to cover this area and he would like to recommend Doug Howard to serve the Abbeville Area. He, therefore, made a motion that Doug Howard be appointed to fill the vacancy created on the Library Board. Motion was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.
- d. Consideration to authorize Public Works Director to award bid for installation of storm water piping and drain basins at the Abbeville County Detention Center after receiving bids on July 26, 2000. Total price not to exceed budgeted allocation. Chairman Milford withdrew this item from the agenda and stated that it needed to be acted upon in a CTC meeting.
- e. Next item, which was an addendum, was to discuss air conditioning matter in the Magistrate's Office. Director Allen stated that the system went down and several people came out to evaluate the unit and it could not be repaired. Several quotes were received, the lowest being \$2,200 to replace the unit and he recommended that we purchase the new unit from Dept. 532, line item 43020 which is building maintenance. After a brief discussion, Council felt since it was bid out and was a maintenance repair that it did not need to come before council for approval

Executive Session:

- a. Discuss Economic Development Projects
- b. Jim Sosebee to discuss equipment
- c. Contractual Matter concerning the Landfill
- d. Contractual Matter concerning Solid Waste Collection/Recycling
- e. Personnel matter concerning the Public Works Director

Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford stated that there was no item on the executive session that needed to be acted upon. One item that was put on executive session that did not need to be in executive session was Jim Sosebee to discuss equipment. Council, therefore, went back into regular session and recognized Mr. Sosebee who addressed council by bringing up the 2001 budget and that there were conflicting reports and their budget was \$298,488. They were told that the value of a county fire mill was 34,070.37. At 7.6 mills it amounts to \$258,934.81 and if we add in the inventory tax, the motor carrier tax, the delinquent tax and prior year appropriations, it brings up a projected income of \$285,650.96 which is still \$12,837.04 less than the council approved. As of July 1, their cash balance was \$105,000 and the projected expenses from July 1 to December 1 was \$90,000. The estimated taxes during that same time was \$41,230. This will require right at \$49,000 be used from their cash balance in addition to \$8,000 or \$56,772. This leaves \$48,228 in their cash balance and the purpose of that fund is if they have a truck to breakdown or wreck they have not planned for, they have to amend it and the repair cost comes from that fund. They are concerned that they are about \$21,000 under what the council approved and if the income is not going to bring it in, how can they adjust it so they do not have to use their cash reserve. They had been frequently told they had nothing to worry about and that the projected income would cover their budget, but this is not the case. After further discussion, Chairman Milford stated that we ought to take a look at it as soon as we get all the tax information to see what kind of money it should generate which is no guarantee since there are other adjustments made by the state during the year which we have no control over which usually goes down and not up. He felt there would be a referendum on the ballot which allows the people to vote to cut car taxes from 10 ½ % to 6% and if this passes it will go into affect January 1 which will be quite a reduction in the revenue the county will receive as well as the fire commission which council has no control over. He said that they needed to wait until the assessment from the state is received sometime in September. Councilman Burnett made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 31, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Calhoun, Burnett, Gunnells, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

First item on the agenda was approval to transfer \$14,530.08 from the LOST Account to the General Fund. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve this transfer that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was discussion of Courthouse Roof. Chairman Milford stated that as a result of the rain last week that it not only leaked through the roof onto the floors of various offices in the Courthouse, but also brought light to a drainage problem. Director Allen added that there has also been severe leakage in the finance office, the probate court file room, the assessor's office, the Clerk of Court's file room, voter registration office and that the probation office had standing water on the floor. There has also been water coming in the area between the Opera House and The Courthouse. He said that the ground pulled away from the foundation of the courthouse and when it poured so hard it seeped into the basement floor of the courthouse. Chairman Milford stated that these problems needed to be repaired and when we prepared the budget we put money in for a roof for the courthouse and he felt that we needed to get this fixed. Mr. Allen had worked up an ad for the paper provided that council approved to go ahead and advertise. They discussed what type of roof would be best and some suggested that a metal roof would be best. After further discussion, Council decided to bid out for both a metal roof and a urethane roof. Vice Chairman Dove made a motion to authorize the County Director to bid out the two types of roof and also to look into the drainage problem. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item which was an addendum was a request from the Treasurer for authorization to transfer \$150,000 from the Law Enforcement Center Investment Account to the Law Enforcement Center Capital Projects Fund for Pay Request #1 and to transfer additional funds to cover subsequent monthly payments until bond funds are available, or until Law Enforcement Investment Funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. Chairman Milford stated that we needed to delay this payment a few days until the CD matures. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the money whenever it becomes necessary to do it, whether it is when the CD matures or whenever the payment is due. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Chairman Milford stated that we have been working with a company to be located in the Bibb Plant and because of the actions on the part of DHEC, the situation fell through. According to Ron Bunch who was handling the matter, he thought he had an agreement

with DHEC that they would give the new company an exemption from the environmental problems that had been detected on the property at the Plant. The Agreement that DHEC wanted the company to sign did not give them the exemption on this situation. They tried to get this problem corrected along with people from the Commerce Dept

Executive Session:

- a. Contractual Matter concerning Development Board
- b. Sheriff to discuss personnel matter.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford stated that no action was taken in executive session. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2000

Present: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Burnett, Gunnells, Calhoun, Director Allen, Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with prayer given by Attorney Pruitt.

First item on the agenda were public hearings on the following:

- a. Transfer of \$300,000 from the Landfill Account to the Law Enforcement Investment Account.
 - b. Adopt an ordinance by which a business or homeowner could be fined when firefighters responded to a false alarm.
 - c. Approve the extension of countywide water by running a 16" pipe from the elevated tank in the 72 Industrial Park to the Mt. Olive Church Road at a cost of up to \$45,000 from the Infrastructure Fund.
 - d. Accept Hanover Court located in the Country Meadows Subdivision into the County Road System.
 - e. Adopt an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Laurens County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Abbeville County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 S4-1-170 as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Laurens County providing for the expenses of the Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application and the Distribution of Fees in lieu of Ad Valorem taxes to the Counties and Relevant Taxing Entities; to provide the jobs tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said park; to permit a user fee in lieu of ad Valorem taxation within said park; and to provide for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Laurens County.
5. Approval of minutes of July 24 and 31 County Council Meeting Minutes. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve minutes of July 24 and 31 County Council Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.
6. Old Business:
- a. 3rd Reading to transfer \$300,000 from the Landfill Account to the Law Enforcement Investment Account. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

- b. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance by which a business or homeowner could be fined when firefighters responded to a false alarm. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- c. 3rd Reading to approve the extension of countywide water by running a 16" pipe from the elevated tank in the 72 Industrial Park to the Mt. Olive Church Road at a cost of up to \$45,000 from the Infrastructure fund. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.
- d. 3rd Reading to accept Hanover Court located in the Country Meadows Subdivision into the County Road System. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- e. 3rd Reading to adopt an Ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Laurens County such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Abbeville County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 S4-1-170 as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Laurens County providing for the expenses of the Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application and the Distribution of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem taxes to the Counties and Relevant Taxing Entities; to provide the jobs tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said park; and to provide for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Laurens County. V.C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.
- f. Consideration of 2nd Reading on a request from Bell South to rezone approximately .25 acre located approximately 1000 feet off the east side of Hwy. 28 (North Main Street) and Hwy. 28 By-Pass from General Commercial to Light Industrial to allow for a Cellular Tower. The motion had died at a previous meeting when three council members voted in favor; three opposed and Councilman Burnett abstained. Councilman Burnett asked for it to come up again since there had been some confusion concerning how the property was zoned at the time. Councilman Agan spoke out against the proposal because he said it did not comply with the land use plan, which the county adopted some months ago. After further discussion, Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. Councilmen Calhoun and Dove agreed with the motion. Councilmen Agan, Milford and Forrester opposed. Motion passed.

7. New Business:

- a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Agan referred to an item in non-departmental for Upper Savannah for two payments each in the amount of \$1,000, which Mr. Allen said, was for the planning ordinance and the maps, which have traditionally been paid out of the contingency fund. Mr. Agan stated that this was not put into this year's budget and will continue being taken out of the contingency fund and that we needed to reduce the contingency by \$11,000. Councilman Burnett made a motion that we take \$11,000 from the contingency fund to pay for the zoning ordinance that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously. V. C. Dove made a motion that we pay the bills as presented that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- b. North East Rescue Squad to request funds in the amount of \$3,600 to help replace a motor in its main ambulance. Director Allen said this was going to cost \$7,600 and the Rescue Squad has come up with \$4,000. They have also stated if the fund raising goes well during the year, they will pay the council back the \$3600. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan felt they wouldn't be asking for this if they didn't need it. In the past we told them that if they cut their budget to the bone and if an emergency should arise, they should come to us and present their case and we would do what we could. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the request that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously and this would come out of the contingency fund.
- c. Approval of bid for Kitchen Equipment for the Law Enforcement Center. Director Allen said when they broke up the different means of paying for the different aspects of the Law Enforcement Center, we set aside \$115,000 and that we would do a lease-purchase agreement for the kitchen equipment. An ad was run in the paper and three bids were received as follows: Norvell out of Augusta, Georgia came in at \$120,000, Tri Michael out of Tennessee came in at \$118,000, Americas Food Service out of Spartanburg came in at \$109,696.74. He asked that Council award the bid to Americas Food Service at \$109,696.74 and we will be going through BB&T for a lease agreement. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve Americas Food Service at \$109,696.74 and that we go through a lease purchase agreement. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.
- d. Consideration of appointment to replace Hampton Williams on the Library Board Councilman Agan asked that this be delayed until the next meeting.
- e. Council to consider entering into an agreement between the County and Cline Brandt Kochenower for the audit of the county books for the year 1999/2000. In a brief discussion council stated that the audit fee would not exceed \$30,000 and that no extended services would be performed unless they were authorized in writing by the director with full justification and an estimate of the revised cost to be provided in advance. Councilman Agan made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

- f. Sheriff Goodwin to request amended budget request for the Victim's Witness Advocacy Program in the amount of \$26,660 from the Victim's Witness fund which currently has a \$86,783.55 balance. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 1st Reading on Sheriff Goodwin's request to amend the budget request for the Victim's Witness Advocacy Program. Motion was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- g. Public Works Director to discuss opening date and operation of Mt. Olive Church Road Convenience Center. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that he has set the target date for the opening of the convenience center on August 28th and that it will be operated five days a week and closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. Each center will contain a trash compactor and "roll off" containers. The County is expected to open a second convenience center on Huggins Garment Road in Donalds about mid October.

Next item on the agenda was an addendum to request Council's permission to transfer \$13,730.80 from the LOST Account to the General Fund. V. C. Dove made a motion to transfer \$13,730.80 from the LOST Account to the General Fund that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. V. C. Dove made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.